



## South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Pervasive Developmental Disorder Program

During the 2006 and 2007 sessions of the South Carolina General Assembly, \$7.5 million was appropriated to the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) to develop the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) Program.

The purpose of the PDD Program is to provide intensive in-home intervention to children ages 3 through 10 years diagnosed with a Pervasive Developmental Disorder. Children who meet this criteria may receive early intensive behavioral intervention (EIBI) services for three years or until their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, whichever comes first.

All EIBI services must have oversight by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).

EIBI service providers are selected by the child's parents and the providers use Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to address skill deficits that are most associated with individuals diagnosed with a PDD.

The EIBI services offered in South Carolina have five distinct components:

1. **Assessment**: this is conducted by the BCBA Consultant and involves the completion of an assessment to determine the child's current needs. The reimbursement rate for this component is \$679.00 per budget year.
2. **Program Development and Training**: this is provided by the BCBA Consultant and involves the development of an individualized EIBI Treatment Plan and, training family members, Lead Therapists, and Line Therapists to implement interventions. The reimbursement rate for this component is \$1,358.00 per budget year.
3. **Plan Implementation**: this is provided by the BCBA Consultant and involves the implementation of the individualized EIBI Treatment Plan developed by the Consultant, monthly monitorship of the effectiveness of the Treatment Plan, modifying the Treatment Plan as necessary, and supervision of Lead Therapists and Line Therapists. The reimbursement rate for this component is \$58.20 per hour for a maximum of 6 hours per month.
4. **Lead Therapy**: the Lead Therapist is responsible for assuring the EIBI Treatment Plan is implemented as written, weekly monitorship of the effectiveness of the EIBI Treatment Plan, reviewing all recorded data and providing guidance to and supervision of the Line Therapists. The reimbursement rate for this component is \$29.10 per hour for a maximum of 6 hours per week.
5. **Line Therapy**: the Line Therapist is responsible for carrying out the Treatment Plan designed by the Consultant, recording data and reporting concerns and progress to the Lead Therapist. The reimbursement rate for this component is \$13.58 per authorized hour.

Although EIBI services are available to children across the state, many counties do not have enough providers to meet the growing demand for EIBI services. Those counties include, but are not limited to Berkeley, Charleston, Greenville, Horry, Richland and Spartanburg.

If you are interested in becoming a provider of EIBI services in South Carolina or would like additional information concerning South Carolina's PDD Program, please contact Daniel Davis by telephone at 803-898-9609 or by e-mail at [PDDInfo@ddsn.sc.gov](mailto:PDDInfo@ddsn.sc.gov).